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In re the Application of: KAWARAYA, Masahide, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2813

Examiner: Deloris BRYANT

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For: **PROCESS FOR FORMING SEMICONDUCTOR
FILM AND USE OF SEMICONDUCTOR FILM**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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July 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 2, 2006**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the following claim rejections:

1. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 4-7, 9-10 and 12-14 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication US 2002/0042342 to Akui et al. (hereafter, "**Akui et al.**") in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0150545 to Choi et al. (hereafter, "**Choi et al.**");
2. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 2-3 as unpatentable over **Akui et al.** in view of **Choi et al.** and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,228,796 to Arakawa et al. (hereafter, "**Arakawa et al.**");
3. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 8 as unpatentable over **Akui et al.** in view of **Choi et al.** and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication US

2004/0159102 to Toyomura et al. (hereafter, "Toyomura et al.");

4. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 11 as unpatentable over Akui et al. in view of Choi et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication US

2002/0186469 to Kawazu et al. (hereafter, "Kawazu et al."); and

5. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 15-17 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication US 2004/0221888 to Fukui et al. (hereafter, "Fukui et al.") in view of Choi et al.

Choi et al. has a U.S. filing date of December 10, 2004 which is subsequent to the filing dates of both of the foreign priority documents in the instant application, namely, JP 2002-297385 filed October 10, 2002 and JP 2003-75849 filed March 19, 2003.

Thus, Choi et al. is not a proper § 103(a) reference and all of the prior art rejections listed above may be overcome by the filing of verified English translations of the above-identified foreign priority documents, which are attached hereto.

In a telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on June 16, 2006, the Examiner admitted that all of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) claim rejections based on Choi et al. could be overcome if a verified English translation of at least one of the foreign priority applications were to be filed with this response.

Thus, all of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections should be withdrawn.

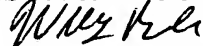
In view of the remarks above and the attached verified English translations of the foreign priority documents, claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: Verified English translations of JP 2002-297385 and JP 2003-75849